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SUBJECT: CONTINUED ANTI-US AND ANTI-WESTERN PRESS COVERAGE

1. FEB 19 GOVERNMENT-OWNED "ETHIOPIAN HERALD" CONTINUED ANTI-US AND ANTI-WESTERN (CHARACTERIZED AS NATO) PRESS COVERAGE. FRONT PAGE ARTICLE FROM "TASS" CLAIMED THAT "NATO, REACTIONARY ARABS SET UP DELIVERIES OF ARMS (TO SOMALIA)" AND THAT "DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES IN MOGADISCIO CONFIRMED LARGE BATCHES OF WEAPONS INCLUDING 60 WEST GERMAN TANKS, THOUSANDS OF AMERICAN, BRITISH AND WEST GERMAN ANTI-AIRCRAFT ROCKETS AND LARGE AMOUNTS OF ANTI-TANK ROCKETS ARRIVED IN SOMALIA OVER PAST TWO WEEKS."

2. PAGE TWO EDITORIAL CHARACTERIZED PRESIDENT CARTER'S WARNING TO ETHIOPIA THAT ANY CROSSING OF SOMALIA'S BORDERS BY ETHIOPIAN TROOPS WOULD BE SERIOUS THREAT TO WORLD PEACE AS "PROPAGANDA BARRAGE TO DISCREDIT ETHIOPIA'S LEGITIMATE WAR OF SELF-DEFENSE AND THREAT OF MORE ACTIVE NATO AND REACTIONARY ARAB PARTICIPATION IN SOMALIA'S VIOLATION OF ETHIOPIAN TERRITORY."

3. "ETHIOPIAN HERALD" ALSO CARRIED LETTER TO EDITOR CHARGING PRESIDENT CARTER WITH DESIRING TO CASTRATE ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION AND COLLUDING WITH "CRAZY" UNCLASSIFIED

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WESTERN AND ARAB LEADERS AGAINST ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION."

4. COMMENT: EXCEPT FOR ABOVE NOTED ITEMS, PROPAGANDA EFFORTS AGAINST US AND WEST WERE MUTED OVER THE WEEK-END DURING VISIT OF SPECIAL EMISSARY.
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